

# THE COST OF HOME RULE TO IRELAND & BRITAIN.

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"With the right to protect home industries by means of a protective tariff, supplemented by an abundant supply of paper money, there is no reason why Ireland should not be able in a few years to be a prosperous country."—*Irish World*, May 8, 1886.

THE present leaders of the Irish National League want to protect Irish manufactures by levying taxes on British goods.

Ireland is not big enough to thrive within a Chinese customs wall. A few manufactures might flourish with protection, but the whole Irish community would grow poorer, and her people would come here in greater numbers and flood the labour market, causing increased depression and distress. Animosity thus excited against Irishmen would embitter the relations between the Irish and English democracy, causing costly precautions to be taken to keep peace and order.

It is essential for Ireland to have credit, so that capital may flow to her. Enmity between the countries would cause British capital to be withdrawn, and American capital has never entered Ireland except to foment dissension. British capital has been invested in Ireland under the security of a common Parliament. With separation and the withdrawal of the Irish Members, confidence would cease, capital would vanish, and labour would suffer. Thus Ireland would become poorer, and with increasing poverty there would be increasing discontent.

Independence may sound fine, but independence cannot live on an empty stomach.

By keeping the supremacy of the Imperial Parliament, labour would not suffer, because confidence for the investment of capital and the employment of labour would remain.

The mere rumour of separation caused Irish funds to fall to a ruinous extent.

**A separate Parliament for Ireland means double poverty there and increased taxation and labour competition here.**

